Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The existing Depressed Class Co-operative Societies which are of the credit type are not functioning properly chiefly on account of the peculiar economic conditions of the Depressed Classes. The members are extremely poor and have no property which they can pledge. Their only asset is their labour and character and these form the only basis for their credit. But due to the prevaling mass illiteracy among these classes, the Co-operative ideal has not made much head-way even after 17 years of work. Another difficulty which has stood in the way for the better working of these Societies is the lack of honorary workers who have sufficient knowledge to run Co-operative institutions.

(*b*) The Co-operative Enquiry Committee has recommended that credit Societies are unsuited to the Depressed Classes. Attempts are being made to start non-credit Societies and to reorganise the existing ones on non-credit lines. One such Society is proposed to be started at the Sivaramapuram Colony and the appointment of a paid Secretary on Rs. 40—60 and a loan of Rs. 5,000 are sanctioned. Societies of this type are to be started after watching the progress of this Society for a year or two.

DEPRESSED CLASS STUDENTS AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

252. Mrs. Dakshayani Velayudhan *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many Depressed Class students have qualified from the Industrial Schools in the State since 1938;

(*b*) how many have been given employment in the State Service?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* (*a*) 53.

(*b*) 2 in the Industries Department.

RURAL MIDWIVES AND DEPRESSED CLASS COMMUNITIES

253. Mrs. Dakshayani Velayudhan *(Nominated)* : Will Government be pleased to give.—

(*a*) the number of Rural midwives employed in the State ;

(*b*) the number of cases they attended in the year 1120;

(*c*) the number of midwives belonging to the Depressed Class communities?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* (*a*) 66.

(*b*) 3866 (in the first 3 quarters of 1120).

(*c*) 6.

DEPRESSED CLASSES STUDENTS IN THE COLLEGE

൨൫൪. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കൊച്ചുകുട്ടൻ : താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ഗവൺമെന്റ ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ?

(എ) കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലം കോളേജിൽ പഠിച്ചിരുന്ന അധഃകൃത വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളിൽ എത്രപേർ വിജയികളായി;

(ബി) എത്രപേർ പരാജിതരായി;

(സി) പരാജിതരായവർ എത്രയെത്ര പേർ, ഏതേത ക്ലാസ്സുകളിൽ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(എ) ൨൫ പേർ.

(ബി) ൨൩.

(സി) I V class 7
II V class 14
IV V class 2

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൨൫൫. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കെ. കണ്ണൻ : താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെന്റിൽനിന്നും സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

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